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## Viewing cable 10NEWDELHI116, MENON APPOINTED NEW NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR

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| 10NEWDELHI116 | 2010-01-22 15:09 | 2011-08-30 01:44 | CONFIDENTIAL   | Embassy New Delhi |

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REF: NEW DELHI 77

Classified By: Political Counselor Uzra Zeya for Reasons 1.4 (B, D)

[1](#)1. (C) SUMMARY: Former Foreign Secretary Shivshankar Menon was appointed India's new National Security Advisor on January 22. M.K. Narayana Shivshankar Menon: Experience and Loyalty Rewarded - - -

[1](#)2. (C) Menon is among India's most experienced career diplomats, having served as ambassador or high commissioner in China, Pakistan, Sri Le

[1](#)3. (C) Menon is loyal to Prime Minister Singh and an important voice on dialogue with Pakistan. Menon's mandatory retirement from the Indiar

[1](#)4. (C) Erudite and polished, Menon is an intellectually formidable, pragmatic, eloquent proponent of India's national interest and well known

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success of the U.S.-India relationship and will be a formidable advocate for the relationship working directly under Prime Minister Singh.

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[1](#)5. (C) Menon's appointment marks a return to tradition for the NSA post, both by virtue of the experience he brings to the office and the resp

[1](#)6. (C) Menon will hold the rank of Minister of State and will take on a more focused portfolio than his predecessor. Menon's diplomatic experi

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[1](#)7. (C) Narayanan's departure is viewed as a strategic victory for Home Minister Chidambaram, who has tussled with the outgoing NSA over bureau

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[1](#)8. (C) Narayanan's departure and Menon's appointment are further signals of Home Minister Chidambaram's growing power relative to other fore

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Minister, despite lacking a strong electoral base. However, Chidambaram's management style and rapid ascent to power has rubbed many within hi

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